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It is said that the production would have been much larger, in both Eastern and Western fields, if the shipping facilities had been sufficient. The fact is that the allotment of cars was far below the capacity of the mines.

Near the location of the first Berea well in Lawrence county was brought in 11 years ago by A. C. Smith. This was followed by five or six other wells in that locality, most of which would now be valuable. But oil at that time was bringing only about one dollar per barrel and there was no pipe line. So the wells were abandoned. The casing was pulled from the first well.

A dry hole has been drilled on the land of Luther Pigg at Bessieville.

The well on John Thompson's land at Ellen, drilled several months ago but not yet put to pumping, showed a few days ago.

Muncy & Vanhoose contractors, of

drilling on L. S. Alley's farm for the Ohio Fuel. All other drilling for his company has suspended.

## OBSTRUCTIONS TO BE CLEARED FOR STREET PAVING

### CITY COUNCIL ORDERS GAS AND SEWER LINES CHANGED BEFORE MARCH.

The City Council met Tuesday night. In addition to the usual routine business the following matters of general interest were acted upon.

J. L. Richmond, paving contractor, reported the council that he

## City of Paintsville in the Grip of Oil Fever

CITY RESEMBLES TULSA IN EARLY DAYS OF BOOM: RIGS JAM JOHNSON ROADS.

(The following article was published in the Courier-Journal a few weeks ago. It is one of a series of articles by Mr. Wallace, of the editorial staff. We are a little late in publishing it, owing to the crowded condition of our columns, but it will be read with interest by those who have not seen it):

Paintsville, Ky.—Oil excitement in Paintsville makes this already solidly prosperous mountain city resemble Tulsa in the early period of the oil boom in Oklahoma. Paintsville is the gateway to the great Johnson and Magoffin county oil field.

The first thing that strikes the eye of the newly arrived in Paintsville is the spectacle of teams of oxen hauling oil rigs through the streets to the fields in which wells are being drilled. These oxen are of the type which were seen commonly in the logging camps of Western Kentucky thirty years ago. Some of them are "big horns" whose appearance indicates clearly their inheritance of the blood of the Spanish cattle which contribute the bulls used in the rings of Madrid and Seville.

The "cows," as they are called in cowboy lingo, are not a native product. They have been brought in for use where the ground is too soft for mule or horse teams to work satisfactorily and where there are no roads over which trucks could haul the heavy materials used in drilling for oil. Some of them are from Texas, where they have been in use for the same purpose.

A team consists of eight or nine "yoke" of cattle, sixteen or eighteen oxen. The owners rent them for \$8 per yoke per day. Thus a team costs the oil man \$64 or \$72 a day. Many loads must be hauled before the entire rig for one drilling operation is on the ground. Often the distance is such that only one load a day can be made with oxen.

### Drilling Well Expensive.

Drilling a well is expensive. I am told that it costs about \$5,000 on the average to send the drilling bit down to the Berea sand, about 1,000 feet below the surface. If a dry hole results someone or some stock company is out that much. In this field the probability of dry holes is said by oil men to be remote. Sensational wells have not yet come in, but substantial producers are flowing.

A lawyer here had a farm a little way out of Paintsville, worth about \$2,000. He leased half of it. Oil in paying flow was struck. He leased the other half for a royalty on each barrel plus a bonus of \$6,000 for permitting wells to be drilled on his property at cost of \$5,000 each to the drillers.

A group of Paintsville men chipped in and bought a 265-acre tract for \$4,000. A well was drilled. It proved to be a producer. The tract was sold for \$350,000. One man who put in only \$100 drew out \$7,500 after paying his share of the expenses of development.

A single investor, a former Panduan who had not been well-to-do before the deal in oil land, took 55 per cent of the investment of \$4,000 and drew out 55 per cent of the \$350,000, less the comparatively small expense of drilling the well.

A tract of less than nineteen acres was developed in June and July by a group of Paintsville men and now is producing basic oil, makes it a small fortune.

An afternoon of my arrival, a well was being drilled, the drilling near completion, about a quarter of a mile from the business center of Paintsville. Persons in automobiles, women footling it along the dusty roads with babies in their arms, boys, oil prospectors, land owners, holders of leases, were trooping to the scene of the drill-

ing to stand in the broiling sun, unaware of its heat, to await the last stroke of the drill which then was punching through the shale 1,065 feet below the surface. Everyone is interested intensely in everyone's well. Results are awaited with the tense excitement that marks the mood of the crowd at Churchill Downs when the Kentucky Derby is being run.

### Maps in Hotel Studied.

In the hotel lobbies hang large maps of a considerable portion of Johnson county showing each farm and its ownership and whether it has been let on lease to an oil company. Men standing on chairs with their fingers on the map commenting on the situation in this and that part of the county are discussing oil in the manner in which the "forty-niners" must have discussed gold. And when oil is struck it is quite as good as gold.

I am told of a man who procured a lease for \$8,000 and was offered almost immediately \$100,000 for his rights. He refused the offer.

Johnson county was a steady producer of a high-grade domestic coal for a good many years before the oil boom began. The coal still is going out on a basis of handsome profit to producers but oil here and in Magoffin county is monopolizing everyone's attention.

It is pleasing to find that the native population—Kentuckians who have come here and Paintsville men who have lived here all of their lives—are getting profits out of oil. The farmers of this oil region have not been as easily persuaded to let go their lands without a real profit—as most Kentucky owners of coal lands were years ago when great coal tracts were acquired by Eastern interests.

### Paintsville Feels Development.

Paintsville, already a city of brick streets and numerous handsome homes, including the residence which the late John C. C. May built when he had become a millionaire coal king, is feeling in every kind of business the influence of oil development. A bank which had deposits of less than \$200,000 at the end of the year 1919 now has deposits of more than \$400,000, representing mainly small deposits by business establishments and individuals. Another bank which carried in June \$1,400,000 in round numbers, now has deposits of \$1,650,000. Acreage which used to sell at a very low agricultural value, timbering being about over, now is on a basis of from \$25 to \$1,000.

Some investigators predict greater results here than in the Lee county field where acreage has gone as high as \$30,000. A lease on a 65-acre farm brought \$100,000 recently.

A year ago only one well had been drilled.

Nowadays there is a traffic jam of oil rig teams between Paintsville and the Oil Springs field. Fifty or sixty wells are being drilled. There is a demand for teams, laborers, contractors greater than the supply. All barns are full and both cattle and horses are in camps. The various machines and materials which enter into the composition of a drilling outfit are stacked high about the railroad station awaiting delivery.

What Paintsville may become within ten years is easily foretold by oil enthusiasts. It will be another Tulsa. Even a stranger within the gates, and not in an oil deal, can foresee a huge development in this field.

### Mr. Vaughan, Farmer, Tells How He Lost All His Prize Seed Corn.

One time he sent away for some pedigree seed corn. Put it in a gunny sack and hung it on a rope suspended from roof. Rats got it all—how beats me, but they did because I got 5 dead hoppers in the morning after trying RAT-SNAP. Three sizes, 35c, 65c, \$1.25. Sold and guaranteed by Louis Drug Co., Louisa, L. F. Wellman, Blaine, Frank Frasher, Fort Gay, W. Va.

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## BIG SANDY NEWS

### TUSCOLA

The New Year was ushered in weeping but smiled pleasantly before the day was over only to weep again before the day closed.

It seems odd to us to write 1921 after we had formed the habit of writing 1920. Then the sum of 1921 gives us the unlucky 13. We are not superstitious and do not expect anything in the way of war or pestilence to visit us this year.

The year is full of hope and possibilities to everyone that will put forth the effort to gain success. We must work out our salvation.

The new year has brought the usual annual moving. It reminds us of the Methodist conference assigning circuits to its ministers—always changing.

Arch Murphy moved last week from Geo. Calvin's farm to J. K. Woods' farm on Spring creek.

Green Jordan moved from Glenwood to Geo. Calvin's farm.

Jasper Triplett moved from West Virginia to near Hicksville.

There will be plenty of renters this year as men are hunting for farms to rent.

Oil news of general interest seems scarce just now.

Farmers are not done gathering corn and the yield and quality are excellent.

Some of our tobacco growers have shipped their tobacco but as far as we have been informed they haven't received their returns on it.

Some have sold at a very low price rather than take chances on the market.

School closed at Green Valley Friday with an entertainment given by the school. A large number was present and all seemed to enjoy themselves.

There will be a winter school at Baker beginning the 17 inst. Isaac Cunningham teacher.

A. R. Friend and H. A. Jordan were at Grayson last week looking after the interest of their tobacco.

Fred Vanhorn has been moving his plunder and some of his household goods to Carter county.

We are very sorry to see them leave as the county has no better citizens than Fred Vanhorn and wife and William Adkins and wife.

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## PEPTO-MANGAN WILL HELP FIGHT COLDS

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How many people get their own bodies ready for winter. Most of us go around all summer in the intense heat burning up energy, working hard all day and sometimes lying awake nights sleepless in the heat.

Winter comes along. It catches many people totally unprepared physically. Few of us take stock of the weather. Whether we will be well, healthy and strong, we often leave too much to chance.

But not everybody. Nowadays people are learning. They know that matter of enjoying good health is a thing they can help control. If you live right eat right, get plenty of sleep, breathe fresh air and keep your blood in good condition, you will be all right.

It is so simple. If you feel a little off in health—perhaps worn out and pale—don't take chances. There's no need of it. Buy some Pepto-Mangan of your druggist. Begin taking it today. You can get it in liquid or tablet form. Tell your druggist which you prefer. But to be certain that you get the genuine Pepto-Mangan; ask for it by the full name—"Gude's Pepto-Mangan." Look for the name "Gude's" on the package.

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### WILBUR AND CORDELL

Several from here attended church at Lower Brushy Saturday and Sunday.

The sick of our community are improving nicely.

News Year's at this place was spent very quietly. Christmas also.

School will be out at this place the 13th.

Amos H. Andrews and Manuel Isham Cordle who spent Christmas and New Years with home folks of this place, Mr and Mrs. T. M. Cordle and daughters, have returned to their home in London, Ohio.

Miss Nannie Steele has returned home from Richmond since her school is out.

Miss Esta Moore was the Sunday dinner guest of Miss Erma Prince.

Elva Cordle who has been visiting her best girl of this place, Miss Esta Moore, has returned to Wheelersburg where he has employment.

Mrs. W. G. Lester was the pleasant dinner guest of Mrs. T. M. Cordle Sunday.

Sylvia and Ada Steele were the dinner guests of Blanche Griffith Sunday. Willie Hayes was calling on his best girl at Adams New Year's.

Mrs. Jennings Cordle was calling on home folks at Hicksville last week.

Mrs. Levi Cordle and Mrs. T. M. Cordle attended church at Mattie Tuesday.

Miss Golda McDowell was the pleasant guest of Miss Opal Baker one day this week.

Miss Esther Cordle was visiting her cousin at Old Hood Saturday and Sunday.

Misses Mollie and Monnie Cordle were the guests of Mrs. J. B. Prince and daughters Tuesday.

Mrs. Isaac Moore and daughter Edna have gone to Ashland to see Mr. Moore who is very ill.

Miss Lydia Osborn was the guest of Miss Nona Arrington Saturday.

Arlie Holbrook of Hicksville was calling on his best girl at this place Saturday and Sunday, Miss Erma Prince.

Mrs. Mint Hayes and daughter Ina accompanied little Madge Johnson to her home in Ohio. TWO CAPTAINS.

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FROM FORT GAY

East

## NEWS OF THE WORLD IN BRIEF

Great Britain has just presented Canada with a cruiser and two destroyers.

Roumania has ordered the internment of twelve thousand Jewish refugees in Bessarabia.

President Wilson has asked Congress for authority to call a world dairy congress to meet in Washington City.

Former President Taft conferred with President Elect Harding in Marion last week on world peace problems.

Secretary Colby, who sailed from Newport News, Va., on December 4, reached Rio de Janeiro on December 21.

Fifty-two members of the Plumbers Association in New York City have been indicted for violation of antitrust laws.

John H. Patterson, of Dayton, Ohio, has given to that city twenty-seven acres of land for a park as a Christmas gift.

There were no newspapers published in England December 25-27, the publishers suspending publication during the holidays.

A Shanghai dispatch reports a terrible earthquake in Kan-su Province on December 16, with casualties estimated at two thousand.

Senator Nugent of Idaho, has been appointed to fill a vacancy on the Federal Trade Commission. His term as Senator expires March 3.

President Elect Harding has denied the report that he had offered Charles Evans Hughes the appointment of Secretary of State in his cabinet.

Japan's population is 77,005,000, of which 55,960,000 are in Japan and 17,284,000 in Korea. The population is more than a million under the estimate.

Extreme anxiety is felt by the British people over conditions of unemployment, and it is feared that this crisis is more serious than any of its predecessors.

One man killed, three injured, and property losses estimated at \$400,000 were entailed by an explosion and fire on the waterfront at Galveston, Tex., December 24.

The American Near East Relief workers in Armenia have been evacuated by Kemal Pasha, the Turkish Nationalist leader, and have arrived safely in Kars, Transcaucasia.

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J. A. Nelson, second assistant treasurer of the United States under Presi-

dent Lincoln and a witness against the assassin of the President, died last week, aged 85 years. He was a native of Ohio.

Twenty-three communists were deported on the Imperator December 22 to Russia. They were arrested last winter, but were released on bail because no transportation line was then open to Russia.

John Brinekerhof Jackson, former United States minister to Greece and the Balkan States, Cuba, Persia, Roumania, and at one time a secretary in the Berlin legation, died in Switzerland December 20.

All taxes on luxuries in Canada excepting alcoholic liquors, confectionery and playing cards, have been abolished by the government. Prevalent unemployment is said to have been responsible for the government's action.

New York is suffering from an epidemic of mumps, following colds, and said by the health commission to be a form of nervous influenza. It is believed to have been brought over from Paris where it has been prevalent.

Care of the graves of American soldiers at Stuttgart, Germany, will be perpetually undertaken by the city of Stuttgart because of "numerous and magnanimous gifts of love which Americans of German descent and Quakers of the United States have sent to our people of late."

Efforts are being made to have a fund of \$4,000,000, which is in the hands of a committee representing various war-work organizations, transferred and put in the hands of Herbert Hoover to swell the amount of \$33,000,000 which he is trying to raise for European relief.

A Christmas gift of twelve million tree seed, to be used in reforesting the devastated areas of France and Belgium and also certain parts of Great Britain, were shipped to those countries last week from Washington City through their embassies by the American Forestry Association. The seed were of the Douglas fir, which grows rapidly.

Dr. Edward A. Rumeley, former publisher of the New York Evening Mail and S. Walter Kaufman and Norven Lindheim have been sentenced to prison terms of one year and one day each by the Federal Court in New York on conviction of conspiring to withhold from the government knowledge of the alleged German ownership of the newspaper during part of the war.

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## CADMUS

Theodora Hammons of Jattie, the Rawleigh man, passed down Catt Friday.

G. W. Shortridge, E. H. Riley and Joe Daniels were dinner guests of A Harman Thursday.

Mrs. Nancy Harman was shopping at Fallsburg Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Scott of Williamson, W. Va., were visiting Mr. and Mrs. A. Harman Thursday.

Little Dock Harman, who has been sick, we are proud to say, is better.

James Taylor of Glenwood passed down our creek New Year's day.

Uncle Cam Rice is very poorly with grippe.

James Mosley sold a fine hog to W. R. White.

W. H. Chadwick of Cadmus was at Cattelburg on legal business last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Adam Harman and little son received many Christmas presents from friends at Flemington, Kermit and Sprigg, W. Va., and Wheelwright and Webbville and Promis, Oregon, of which they are very appreciative and extend to their many friends their heartfelt thanks.

Uncle William Brumfield and wife are two of the oldest citizens in our neighborhood and are getting very feeble and unable to labor.

James McDowell contemplates moving back to East Fort in the spring.

Millard Fannin and wife were visiting J. E. Scott and wife last week.

Mrs. America Cassidy and Miss Anna Rice were visiting aunt Addie Rice at Fallsburg last week.

C. B. Shortridge and M. F. Fannin are shipping their fine tobacco preparatory for the 1921 market.

Rev. Jas. Ellis and little son have a fine barn of tobacco which has cost them much time and labor.

Mrs. Hattie Queen, who is confined in an Ashland hospital, we are proud to say, is improving.

Miss Josephine and Nola Fugate of Fallsburg are visiting relatives at Pikeville.

James Fugate of Mount Gay, W. Va., was visiting home folks Christmas.

Warren Robinson of Jenkins was calling on Miss Josephine Fugate of Fallsburg Christmas.

Little Banner Fugate, the youngest son of widow Arminette Fugate of Fallsburg is attending high school at Berea this winter.

Miss Elizabeth Roberts, who was at home Christmas has returned to school at Barbourville, W. Va. She rode their old family mare to Fuller's station a distance of 6 miles and there being no one to bring her back home she put the bridle over the horn of the saddle and started her home and just at dark old Far came in home by her self.

Dame Kelly, C. B. Shortridge, Stephen Fugate, John B. Elkins and Edward Riley were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Adam Harman Sunday.

Mrs. Anna Workman and little daughter were visiting her sister, Mrs. Dennis Christian of Dennis Saturday night and Sunday.

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School closed here Saturday with Miss Grace Damron teacher.

Mrs. Jay Compton is spending this week with relatives at Dennis.

Misses Georgia Lee and Emily Haws spent Sunday evening with Tudell Turner.

Don May spent Sunday with Allen and Gee Hutchison.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Bradley spent Sunday with Millard Bradley and family of Osie.

Mrs. Leo and Nannie Nolen spent Monday with Mrs. Vint Nolen of Mt. Pleasant.

Mrs. N. Nelson spent Friday evening with Mrs. Noah Chaffin.

Leo Nolen and Sam D. Heaberlin were business visitors in Louisa Monday.

Carl Burchett spent Sunday with G. A. Haws.

Mrs. Arnold and Edith Bowe of Busselville spent Saturday with their sister, Mrs. Lee Nolen.

Tom Carter of Busselville, was visiting relatives here Saturday.

Mrs. H. H. Bradley and Dreussey Wellman spent Monday afternoon with Mrs. Elvies Wellman.

Miss Effie Nolen is spending the week with her brother, Vint, at Mt. Pleasant.

Want Wellman was in Louisa Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Clarkson and D. C. Hughes were at Dan Wellman's Sunday.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are authorized to announce CHARLEY EDWARDS as a candidate for the Republican nomination for County Court Clerk of Lawrence co., at the primary to be held in August, 1921.

Friday, January 7, 1921.

Be thankful you are paying an income tax to Uncle Sam and not an indemnity to William Hohenzollern.

We published last week an article from the Courier-Journal demanding prosecution of the election frauds in Eastern Kentucky, which is altogether a proper demand. But the same demand should be made in regard to Louisville, Covington, Newport, Lexington and perhaps other places in Kentucky where flagrant violations of the election law occur every year. If all were as clean as Lawrence county elections there would be no cause for complaint.

A dispatch from Marion, Ohio, to the daily newspapers says Senator Chas. Curtis, Republican "whip" of the United States Senate, will introduce a bill amending the Federal Reserve system. He had been in conference with Mr. Harding when the announcement was made. The amendment, or rather the "death blow" to this greatest of all our laws, provides for doing away with the twelve regional banks and substituting one "central bank".

This means returning the control of money into the hands of the bunch of pirates commonly known as "Wall Street" vultures. It means a return to normalcy. It means the end of safety from panics.

Before the Federal reserve system came into effect, the twelve thousand banks of the United States were forced to keep reserves in certain authorized banks in New York city, giving those bankers such enormous and dependable deposits that they ruled and owned big business, manipulated markets, crushed competitors, staged panics, purchased elections, and committed all sorts of acts detrimental to public welfare.

The 12 Federal banks took this power away from New York bankers. Now each district handles its own money, paying no tribute to New York. The dead money tied up in reserves has been released to the extent of one-half or more of the former amount. Panics are impossible. Money is flexible in supply, instead of the opposite condition under the old law which made it to contract when expansion was needed and to expand when contraction should have occurred.

New it is proposed to centralize money control at one point instead of twelve, with one board of directors instead of twelve boards. These directors will be named by the power behind the throne. Instead of twelve boards distributed throughout twelve districts, each board composed of farmers, commercial men and bankers equally divided, we are threatened with one central board of directors, doubtless to be composed entirely of bankers.

No greater calamity could befall this country from a business standpoint. The people must send up such a protest that Congress will be afraid to perpetrate this demand of the bosses. The people can scare Congress into doing right if they will assert themselves. Otherwise the chances are not good.

Gov. Cox and others warned the people on this matter, knowing the men who were fighting to get hold of the government. But the voters failed to see the danger.

## LUKE McLUKE SAYS:

When a girl is taking Vocal Instructions she calls her howling "Technic." But that isn't what the Neighbors call it.

A Preacher advises girls to marry plain, ordinary men. Huh! That is the only kind they have been marrying as far back as we can remember.

A woman has to give up her Name when she marries. All that a man has to give up when he marries is the right to think for himself.

A Fortune Teller will get a woman to tell all she knows about herself. And then the woman will think it wonderful how the Fortune Teller knows so much about her past.

To make a woman happy you'll have to permit her to choose her own way of being unhappy.

If a woman can't find anything else to do the chances are that she'll start in and make a Crazy Quilt for an Insane Asylum.

A man is inclined to doubt the story of Jonah and the Whale until he gets sea sick himself.

A woman's idea of the way to make up for lost time is to spend two hours in front of her dresser mirror.

A man gets a yen that he can't live without a girl. Then he married her and discovers that she can't.

About the time a boy gets so old that he doesn't have to ask his Mother if he can go out at night he has to ask his Wife if he can go out at night.

Annual Meeting Stockholders Farm Loan Association

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M. F. CONLEY, Sec.-Treas.

## CHURCH NEWS AND OTHER MATTERS OF RELIGIOUS NATURE

## The Diary of a Bible.

January 15. Been resting quietly for a week. The first few nights after the first of this year my owner read me regularly, but he has forgotten me, I guess.

February 2. Clean up. I was dusted with other things and put back in my place.

February 8. Owner used me for a short time after dinner, looking up a few references. Went to Sunday school.

March 17. Clean up. Dusted and in my old place again. Have been down in the lower hall since Sunday.

April 2. Busy day. Owner led League meeting and had to look up references. He had an awful time finding one, thought it was right there in its place all the time.

May 5. In grandma's lap every afternoon now. It's a comfortable spot. Sometimes she reads to me and sometimes she talks to me.

May 10. Grandma gone. Back in the old place. She kissed me good-by.

June 3. Had a couple of four-leaved clovers stuck in me to-day.

July 1. Packed in a trunk with clothes and other things. Off on a vacation I guess.

July 7. Still in the trunk, though nearly everything else has been taken out.

July 15. Home again and in my old place. Quite a journey, though I did not see why I went.

August 1. Rather stuffy and hot. Have two magazines, a novel, and an old hat on top of me. Wish they would take them off.

September 5. Clean up. Dusted and set right again.

September 10. Used by Mary a few moments to-day. She was writing a letter to a friend whose brother had died and she wanted an appropriate verse.

September 30. Clean up again. King's Business.

## Religion and Prosperity.

In an address at the Central Y. M. C. A., Philadelphia, Roger W. Babson, founder and president of the Babson Statistical Organization, Wellesley Hill, Boston, recently said: "Civilization and business are both based on the fact that men trust each other. Man was not civilized until he could trust his fellows, and man could not conduct business until he could trust his associates. But it is man's religion that makes him worthy of trust. Religion, therefore, gives us safety in business. And more than this it is the source of inspiration in business. It causes men to develop and create. Periods of prosperity are due entirely to man's better individual outlook on life. And when we have an exceptionally prosperous period we can be sure that it is caused by one of two things. Either man's outlook has been changed by suffering or, as it usually is, it has been changed by religion." These observations are most interesting. More and more is the worth of Christianity in all the affairs of life being recognized. The Church is gaining ground.

## M. E. CHURCH SOUTH.

Watch night services had a large attendance. The program was carried out practically as announced last week. Neil Plummer substituted very nicely for one of the musical numbers with a cornet solo. All the young people did well with their parts, under the direction of Prof. Saucier. The addresses were all interesting and the devotional exercises were entered into with proper spirit. The bell rang out the old year and greeted the new, and the meeting came to a close. The sandwiches and coffee served in the basement by the ladies about 11 o'clock were greatly enjoyed.

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Every man in Louisa and Fort Gay and surrounding country is wanted to attend the service for MEN ONLY at the church next Sunday afternoon at 2:30. You will miss a most interesting and entertaining affair if you stay away. Boys from 12 years up are included in the invitation.

Sunday School 9:15 a.m.  
Morning service 10:30 a.m.  
Evening service 7:00 p.m.

A cordial invitation is extended every one to attend these services.

JAS. D. BELL, Pastor

## FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Sunday school 9:30 a.m., Andrew See, Supt.

Morning worship 10:30 a.m.

B. Y. P. U. 6:30 p.m.

Evening worship 7:00 p.m.

Prayer meeting Wednesday 6:30 p.m.

Ladies Aid Society Wednesday 2:00 p.m.

Woman's Missionary Meeting Thursday 2:00 p.m.

Choir practice Saturday 6:30 p.m.

The public is cordially invited to all these services. DR. CHARLES FOX ANDERSON, Pastor.

## M. E. CHURCH.

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

Preaching 10:45 a.m. and at 7 p.m.

Prayer meeting Wednesday 7 p.m.

Choir practice Friday 7 p.m.

JOHN CHEAP, Pastor.

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Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

Christian Endeavor Sunday 6:30 p.m.

Prayer meeting Wednesday 7 p.m.

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## FORT GAY, W. VA.

As the old year has passed away and gone and we are entering into another new year will write a few lines to the Big Sandy News as it has a welcome in every home in the Sandy valley.

Rev. Lawrence Dickerson of Chillicothe, Ohio, who has been visiting relatives and friends in Fort Gay and Louisa returned to his home last week. He was a native of Wayne county but left in 1886. People of Fort Gay were certainly glad to have Rev. Dickerson and wife with them again. He preached a very interesting sermon at Baptist church.

Rev. B. L. Reed and wife have just returned from a two weeks visit with friends and relatives at Portsmouth and Columbus, Ohio.

Mrs. Addie Price returned home Wednesday from a few days' visit with friends and relatives in Catlettsburg and Ashland.

Glad to say that little John Hardin is better at this writing.

Sorry to say that uncle Richard Wellman of this place has passed away from this world to be with Jesus. He died last Sunday morning at the home of Mary Welch after about 2 months of great suffering. The Lord transplanted his life from this world to be with Jesus. He said before he died that he was ready to go any time the Master called for him.

Mr. Wellman was a citizen of Wayne county and had lived a long life. He was near the age of 70 years. He was taken to Paintsville, Ky., Sunday for burial by the side of his wife who died about three years ago.

To the friends and relatives weep not for uncle Richard for he has gone where there will be no more suffering or sorrow and where God wipes away all tears from our eyes.

## LONELY GIRL.

## BUCHANAN

Prayer meeting is still going on nicely at this place and the "Golden Text" that's given out to us is quite interesting for us and causes us to read our Bible more.

Frank Hewlett who has been quite sick is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Peterman is going to move in with Mrs. Jackson to live.

Miss Hazel Black spent Christmas with the Misses Heaberlin at Burnside.

School closed here Friday.

Miss Susie Dean of Zelda spent Friday and Saturday with Susie Vanhorn of Burnside.

Miss Marie Rankins is still on the sick list.

Mrs. W. E. Calhoun and daughter, Agnes of Huntington spent Saturday and Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Black.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Turman and daughter Myrtle spent New Years day with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hewlett.

Mrs. Ethel Morrow and little daughters spent Tuesday night with her mother, Mrs. Louise Black.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Ross a daughter.

Booksey of Normal has purchased the Buchanan store.

Herbert Black, traveling salesman, spent the holidays in Chicago and has just arrived home.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Buckley and daughter of Sciotoville, Ohio, were up with home folks for Christmas.

There will be preaching here Sunday night by our pastor. JUN-U-RAT-IC.

## BLAINE

Jos. A. Seese and M. Clark Stacey, a couple of Ohio Fuel Oil men, stopped at E. C. Berry's Sunday evening en route to Elliott and Morgan county on a tour of inspection and spent a very pleasant evening in our midst. They left early Monday morning.

Frank Parker has returned to this place after a few days visit with his home folks.

Chas. R. Holbrook, of Ashland, is visiting his sister at this place, Mrs. E. C. Berry.

Whooping cough at this place is getting better.

Henry Fyffe of Genoa was calling on Gladys McKinnon Saturday evening.

Beecher Arnett, one of the leading pipe liners, visited Blaine town Saturday night and was calling on Miss Elsie McBrayer.

Misses Flora and Gladys McKinnon entertained a crowd of youngsters Saturday night. All report a nice time.

The girls and boys who spent Christmas with their home folks have returned to school.

Hubert Maddy of Fallisburg has returned to his work at this place.

George McCain spent Saturday and Sunday with Carrie Pack.

James Cox of Illinois was the week end guest of Miss Flora McKinnon.

Clyde Fraley and Miss Ethel Miles passed through our town Sunday en route to Keaton. THE LONE STAR.

## BLAINE

We are having very warm weather for January and for this reason there is very much sickness in our community. The physicians are riding day and night.

## BIG SANDY NEWS

Friday, January 7, 1921.



## A Thought For 1921.

I'd rather be a could be  
If I cannot be an are.  
For a could be is a may be  
With a chance of reaching par.

I'd rather be a has been  
Than a might have been, by far.  
For a might be is a hasn't been,  
But has was once an are.

Also an are and am, is,  
But a was was all of those;  
So I'd rather be a has been  
Than a hasn't, if you please.

—Exchange.

FOUND:—Brown kid gloves. Call at NEWS office.

LOST:—Dec. 22 black fur neck piece. Return to Mrs. J. B. Peters.

Real bargains in ladies wearing apparel at Justice's store.

The weather has been remarkably fine here since the first of January.

Go to Justice's store for bargains in Sets, Coats and Hats.

BORN, Monday, January 3, to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Mordica, a girl—Dorothy Lee.

FOR RENT:—One room well ventilated, use of telephone and bath. Call telephone No. 9.

Mrs. J. L. Richmond has been quite sick for two weeks, but is now somewhat improved.

FOR SALE—Farms all sizes. Prices and terms reasonable. Wm. T. Bennett, Minford, Ohio, Scioto county. 11-1-21

FUR MUFF LOST:—Fox muff lost in Louisa Tuesday night, Jan. 4. Fair reward paid if found. Return to this office. 11-1-21

Drs. Sparks and Holbrook have moved their offices into the rooms that have been occupied by J. L. Richmond in the Snyder building.

Rev. Walter Harbin, Rev. J. D. Bell and Mr. A. C. Watson, Jr., were entertained to dinner Thursday by Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Queen.

WANTED TO BUY:—Farm or residence property near Louisa or Fort Gay. Any proposition considered. Box 184, Coalwood, W. Va. 12-24-41

Prof. E. M. Kennison has improved so much an extent that nurses are no longer needed with him. This is good news to Louisa people.

Mrs. Creed Hester has been very ill the past few days with appendicitis. Her mother was called here from New Richmond, Ohio, by her illness.

The hour for holding the evening service at the revival meeting has been changed to 7 o'clock. The Junior choir meets at 6:30 instead of 6 o'clock.

Division Engineer Posey is putting a large force of draftsmen to work on the Mayo Trail survey in his office at Ashland, preparatory to letting the contract for the work.

RWARD OF \$20.00:—For a black sheepdog, white breast and yellow feet, wearing a Boyd county tag, No. 286. G. N. WELLMAN, Blaine, Kentucky. 12-31-31-pd.

Dr. J. C. Bussey has been very ill as the result of blood poisoning. He called Dr. P. C. Layne of Ashland, into consultation with Dr. Holbrook. He is reported to be getting along fairly well.

WANTED:—Good, reliable, middle-aged woman for general housework. Will pay \$10 per week to right party. Mrs. Geo. Schmauch, 724 Jefferson avenue, Huntington, W. Va. 31-d21pd

FOR SALE:—One Aberdeen Angus bull, thoroughbred, 4 years old, good condition in every way. Will sell or trade for other cattle. Call on or address Jesse Cyrus, Buchanan, Ky. 1-7-31

CLERKS—(men, women) over 17, for Postal Mail Service. \$130 month. Examinations January. Experience unnecessary. For free particulars, write R. TERRY, (former Civil Service Examiner) 1427 Continental Bldg., Washington, D. C. 1-7-31

NEW WELL STARTED. A company organized by Tom Hays has begun drilling a well on the John A. Dorton farm near Red Bush.

NOTICE. Settlement Charles Hicks' Estate. The estate of the late Charles Hicks is before me for settlement. All persons having claims against same will produce and file them with me, prior to February 1, 1921. CLYDE L. MILLER, Master Commissioner, Lawrence Circuit Court. Jan. 21

FRESH MEATS  
—AND—  
GROCERIES

We solicit your trade in this line and will endeavor at all times to serve you in a satisfactory manner. We stay in the fresh meat business at all seasons :: ::

LAMBERT & QUEEN  
LOUISA - KY.

ELLIOTT BURGESS  
DIES, AGE 92

## PERSONAL MENTION

Elliott Burgess, one of the oldest citizens in the Big Sandy Valley, died on the 29th day of December, 1920, at the home of his adopted son, Mr. Sam King a highly respected citizen of Johnson county. The deceased was 91 years, 4 months and two days old. His remains were brought to Kise, his old home, for interment, December 31. The funeral was conducted by Rev. Bryan, of Fort Gay, W. Va., and Rev. A. H. Miller. By request of the deceased, in his lifetime, his funeral was preached by Rev. Bryan. The funeral was held at the home of the deceased's brother, G. C. Burgess, in the presence of a large conourse of friends and relatives.

The funeral service was beautiful and impressive. Two of the favorite hymns of the deceased were sung by the congregation—"Jesus Lover of my Soul," and "Nearer My God to Thee." After which Bro. Miller read the 91st Psalm, and then offered a fervent prayer. Rev. Bryan selected for his text the 21st verse of the 15th chapter of 1st Corinthians, "For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead." The funeral discourse was eloquent and touching, eulogizing the life and character of the deceased and was just such a funeral service, I believe, that Uncle Elliott would have directed, had he had an opportunity to order it.

He had been a devout member of the M. E. Church for fifty years or more. Deeply religious by nature, the church and preacher found in him at all times a hearty co-worker. He was a good husband and neighbor; the distressed, the unfortunate, the sick, found in him a ready and helpful friend, and most of his life being prosperous, his hand from the needy was never withheld.

He was buried in the family burying ground on the hilltop overlooking the old homestead where he was born and reared; was the oldest of a family of twelve children, all of whom are dead but three; and as we looked upon his face for the last time and knowing how full of faith he was, we could better know the truth of the scripture, "Though I was through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for thou art with me."

—A. O. C.

Notice to Teachers and  
Citizens of Lawrence Co.

I wish to answer some questions that have been asked me concerning the new school law and I take this method of answering through the columns of this paper.

## Law Affecting Teachers Certificates.

After July 1, 1922, all persons applying for a first class elementary certificate must have had at least one year of high school and five weeks in State Normal or some other school recognized by State Board of Education.

After July 1, 1924, two years high school and ten weeks Normal training, and after July 1, 1926, four years high school and 20 weeks normal.

To obtain second grade elementary certificate requires only an average of 75 per cent not less than 60 per cent on any branch. High school and professional training is not required for a second grade.

The fee for admission to all examinations is \$2.00. All papers are sent to State Board to be graded and the certificate qualifies the applicant to teach anywhere in the State in common schools.

Trustees for sub-districts are appointed by the Board of Education and the duty of trustees is to look after the needs of the school, sign teachers' monthly and annual reports. He has nothing to do in hiring teachers only in a suggestive way.

## Appointment of Teachers for 1921.

Upon the recommendation of the County Supt. the Board appoints all teachers and they are placed in the various schools by the County Supt. on the approval of the Board of Education. In applying for a school the teacher would apply to the Board through the County Supt.

## County Diploma Examination.

There are two examinations each year. The first one is held the last Friday and Saturday in January, and the second one is held the second Friday and Saturday in May. These diplomas entitle the holder to free tuition in the Louisa High School if the holder is under 18 years of age.

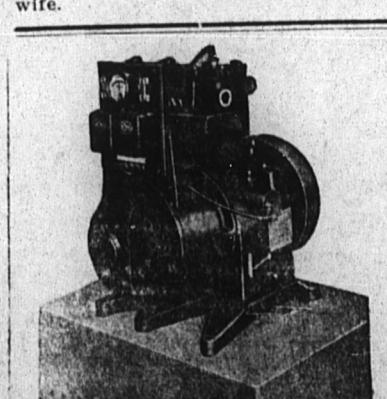
DOCK JORDAN, County, Supt.

## THOS. L. MARR DEAD.

Funeral services for Thomas L. Marr, were held at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Louis Prichard, Huntington, Sunday, with Bishop U. V. W. Darlington officiating. Interment was made at the Catlettsburg cemetery.

WOMAN KILLED BY  
BIG SANDY TRAIN

Mrs. Amanda Ellis, 67 years old, Catlettsburg, was killed by a C. & O. train. Mrs. Ellis was crossing the street when she was struck. She died instantly. She had made her home with her daughter, Mrs. J. L. Damron, riverman's wife.



Ed. L. Wellman spent Sunday with friends in Ashland.

H. R. Alexander of Huntington, was in Louisa this week.

L. E. Cooksey was in Huntington on business a few days ago.

Mrs. C. C. Skaggs recently visited her father, W. P. Holbrook at Offutt.

Miss Martha Yates has returned from a visit at Oliver and in Catlettsburg.

John S. Osborn of Richmond, Virginia, was a visitor in Louisa Wednesday.

F. G. Moore left Monday for Cincinnati after a week's visit to relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Wickers and Miss Opal Plybon have returned from a visit in Huntington.

Miss Anna Jean O'Neal of Lexington, was the guest this week of Mrs. A. J. Garred.

John B. Horton returned Wednesday from Columbia where he had been visiting friends.

Lindsey Thompson of Ellen was the guest Saturday of his daughter, Mrs. D. B. Adams.

J. Israelsky is visiting his parents in Cincinnati. His brother Sam has returned to Louisa.

Mrs. Victoria Prichard and Miss Virginia Hager were in Catlettsburg and Ashland this week.

Zack Bryan of Buchanan was in Louisa Thursday and was a visitor in the NEWS office.

Mrs. O. C. Atkins and Miss Gladys Atkins went to Cincinnati Monday for a few days stay.

Miss Maxie Wellman returned Wednesday to Bristol, Virginia, where she is attending school.

Miss Ann Burns of Lebanon, Virginia, is the guest of her cousin, Miss Kizzie Clay Burns.

Junior Lackey has returned from Washington City where he spent several days on business.

W. E. Burgess, of Herbert, W. Va., was in Louisa from Saturday until Monday visiting relatives.

Mr. F. T. Hatcher, of Pikeville, was in Louisa Wednesday on his way up the Norfolk & Western.

Mrs. Margaret Martin and daughter, of Chicago, were guests last week of Mrs. Hannah Lackey.

Prof. J. B. McClure and son, Francis, of Omar, W. Va., were guests of Louisa relatives last week.

Mrs. R. C. Simpson, of Praise, was in Louisa a few days ago to meet her sister who was to be her guest.

Miss Mary Thompson, who taught the Blackburn school on Little Blaine, has returned to her home in Louisa.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Castle returned Friday from Oklahoma where they had been visiting relatives several weeks.

Miss Elizabeth Burgess returned Wednesday to Cincinnati where she is attending the Conservatory of Music.

Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Garred came home Wednesday from Lexington where they had been visiting relatives.

Miss Ellen Hughes returned to Kentucky University, Lexington, after spending the holidays at her home here.

Victor Muncey and Jack and Henry Sammons have returned to Kentucky University, Lexington, after a visit to their homes here.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Carey and daughter, Catherine, returned Sunday to Lexington, after a visit to Louisa relatives.

Miss Mary Crutcher returned Saturday from a two weeks visit to her sister, Mrs. M. M. Echols, at Warrior, W. Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Laury Bell are here from Stevenson, Alabama, visiting Mrs. Bell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Billups.

Charles F. Branham, of Parkersburg, W. Va., came home Friday to spend a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. J. Branham.

Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Roberts and Phil and Dorothy have returned to Lexington after visiting relatives here and in Portsmouth, Ohio.

Misses Rebecca, Nancy and Bernard Garred returned to Ashland to resume their work as teachers in the schools after the holiday vacation.

Miss Gail Marsh returned from Barboursville, W. Va., and was the guest of Mrs. Gearhart last Sunday before going to Gallup where she is teaching.

Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Carter went to Kise station last Friday to attend the funeral of J. Elliott Burgess whose death occurred at Paintsville on Wednesday.

Miss Georgia Grever has returned to school in Parkersburg, W. Va., after spending the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Dora Vinson Grever and other relatives.

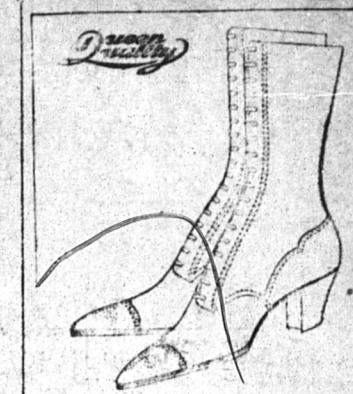
Mrs. A. J. Garred and Mrs. Linden Brode who expected to leave for Florida this week postponed their trip a few days on account of the illness of Mrs. Brode's baby.

Mr. and Mrs. Mont Ball, who had been visiting relatives at Ellen were here Saturday and Sunday guests of D. B. Adams and family. They left Sunday for their home in Columbus, Ohio.

## BIG SANDY NEWS

Clean-up of  
SHOES

WE FIND OUR STOCK OF SHOES IS ENTIRELY TOO LARGE AND WE ARE MAKING THE MOST DRASIC CUTS ON THE PRICES. OUR CUSTOMERS NEED ALL OF THESE SHOES AND WE NEED SOME OF THEIR MONEY. SO LET'S GET TOGETHER IN THIS MONTH OF JANUARY AND MAKE SOME TRADES THAT WILL DO US ALL GOOD. SHOES FOR WOMEN, CHILDREN, MEN AND BOYS.

G. J. CARTER  
Department Store

LOUISA, KENTUCKY

SUCCESSOR TO W. H. ADAMS

C. R. Holbrook of Ashland, was in Louisa Wednesday.

OSCAR GARLAND DIES  
IN CATLETTSBURG

family has much sympathy. Callettburg Dept. Independent.

Dennie Waller and family have returned from Chandler, Okla.

Mt. and Mrs. C. B. Ross of Ashland have been visiting relatives here.

Misses Elizabeth and Emily Conley returned Saturday from a visit to friends in Huntington, W. Va.

Mrs. C. J. Carey left Saturday for her home at Lynch after spending the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Abbott.

Mrs. Sam Lowe and daughter, of Oklahoma, were in Louisa Thursday on their way to Blaine to visit J. L. Hewlett and family.

Misses Myrtle Tackett, Sylvia Trent, Eunice Smith, Alice Smith, Besse Smith and Elizabeth Smith of Stone, Ky., were in Louisa Monday on their way to Pikeville to attend school.

Mrs. Nura Holbrook came up from Greenup county Tuesday and is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Lambert.

She was called here by the illness of her sister-in-law, Miss Minnie Holbrook.

Miss Ann Burns of Lebanon, Va., returned Tuesday to the Conservatory of Music in Cincinnati. She was accompanied by Miss Kizzie Clay Burns, who spent a few days there and expects to enter the Conservatory soon.

Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Atkins and Dr. C. B. Walters, wife and daughter, Miss Opal, went to Huntington Saturday and remained over Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Alexander. It was Mr. Alexander's birthday and his wife planned a surprise party with these Louisa friends as guests. It was a complete surprise and all enjoyed it immensely.

Mr. and Mrs. John C. Hatcher went last week to Arizona from Ashland. They were accompanied by three of their children one of whom has not been very well since an attack of pneumonia. Mr

# Mountain Mothers Are Pictured in an Eastern Journal

HOW WE APPEAR TO THE "FUR-  
INER" WHO COMES AMONG  
US.

The outside world that so long depended upon John Fox, Jr., stories for its impression of the mountain people is rapidly changing its mind in regard to this very important element of our population. The mountain people in the past have been isolated from the rest of the world. Their means were meager of learning anything of what was going on in the world outside of their mountain walls. On the other hand, owing to the lack of inducements that would attract the outer world to them and thus bring them into contact with other people, the world has been as ignorant of them as they have been of the world outside.

But times have changed. The vast beds of coal that underlie the mountains have brought into them millions of dollars of capital and thousands of people from the outside. Instead of finding the mountaineer to be an animal with hoofs and horns, these people have found him to be of the genus homo who has been fighting to preserve what civilization has given, under very adverse circumstances. Instead of being the morose character who would for the very joy of it shoot his neighbor from behind some tree and, before he was fit to mix and mingle with civilized people, had to undergo a course of heroic treatment at the hands of some supermen from the outside, as a rule, are hospitable and are willing to grasp every opportunity to better their conditions. We have our criminal element who kill sometimes, moonshine, bootleg and rob, but the percentage of this element when compared to the whole population is not as large as it will be found in New York, Chicago or any other of the great centers of population.

The outside world is finding this to be a fact and the articles published in our magazines, instead of being lurid pictures as in the past of the barbarity of the mountain people, are now more fair to them. As an example, we are quoting from "Mountain Mothers," written by Winifred Kirkland, appearing in the November issue of the Ladies' Home Journal.

Stressing the need of a better understanding of the mountain people, the author writes: "Among our many plans for Americanism, I wish the first might be the Americanizing of Americans by introducing them to each other. And it is not the men that I would introduce either, but the mothers and especially the mountain mothers. But the fundamental trouble in such getting together would be that all mothers, to be known, should be seen at home, and above all women in the world, mountain mothers need to be met in their setting in order to be appreciated."

Alluding to the war efforts of the mountain mother, she continues: "I shall always remember the railroad way stations in 1917, with their groups of mountain boys going off to war. In Northern villages there were bands playing and crowds shouting goodby, but not here. Little, sunburned children of the woods, the boys were, who had never before been ten miles from home, and yet who gave themselves, and their mothers gave them, with an unquestioning dogged courage.

"It's terrible fur," a mother said, "but his country needs him"; and then with a gleam of pride, "he sure can shoot straight. I reckon them Germans will find that out."

The mountain man can shoot "straight," and often because it was his own mother who taught him along with other "straight" things.

As to the much exaggerated ignorance of the mountain women, the author says:

"It is not because of her ignorance, but because of her knowledge, that I wish that I could take some other mothers that I know—restless mothers, worried mothers, puzzled mothers—to visit some one of the mountain mothers that I know. There is much that some of the rest of us might learn from sitting on cabin doorsteps, for if we others are superior to the mountain women in, say, sanitation, we are too often inferior to her in sanity."

Describing the mountain children in their mountain home, she says:

"There is a sound to which the mountaineers have accustomed me—the sharp jolting thud when a mountain mother, if she possesses neither cradle nor rocker, puts her baby to sleep by jerking forward and backwards on two legs of a straight chair. It is a rough lullaby, but it does not seem to hurt the baby any more than his being nursed about once every twenty minutes. As we sit there the youngsters will come swarming, bright-eyed, quick and shy as squirrels. They peer from the dusky doorway. Some little face, beautiful as a baby faun's, peeps from a frame of rhododendron. The smaller children wear but a single garment, an apron that buttons up the back, revealing a sturdy little body well nourished on corn bread and buttermilk. There is usually some two year old lying fast asleep on the bed just inside the door or on the porch floor, plump and brown as a bun."

With what should be constructive criticism, the writer continues:

"Mountain children are as vigorous as baby oaks until they reach their teens, and then overwork begins to tell on growing bodies. A ready boy of thirteen, just beginning to stretch to the length of spine and limb that characterizes the mountaineer, often gets a stoop that he never afterwards conquers. Little sisters, who from the time they are four years old "tote" the babies, often grow up without any reserve of strength. Little boys and girls must, of course, help in the cornfields, hoeing long hours in the hot sun during the short strenuous season. An

eight-year-old urchin tells me proudly that this is his third summer hoeing corn."

The writer emphasizes the mountaineer's love of beauty. She takes the most ignorant specimen of mountain motherhood and reveals that even she can be "aroused by the call of beauty." "My husband has choppin' at the first clearin' two miles from here, and he's plumb crazy over the yaller lady slippers up that-a-way. He's been a-sayin' I must take the two least (youngest) kids, what aint never seed sech, and go up there and see 'em 'fore they was gone. So yesterda we went. It sure was some climb over them old logs, but, gosh-them lady slippers was with it."

One of the greatest characteristics in the mountain mother is her ambition to educate her children. She is very often so hampered that she cannot do this fully, but it is the great ambition of her life. No one can come in contact with them without noticing it. The writer is no exception to the rule.

"A few miles out in the country, I often stop to see another wide-awake home-maker, Mrs. Morgan, with her three youngsters and her big husband in the roomy old farmhouse, behind the fragrant sprawling boxwood bushes. Whatever her farm work, every morning Mrs. Morgan has lesson hours for her two little boys because the village school is too far away. Such eager readers, these two little boys are. One who has the joy of giving books to mountain children has the reward of seeing tousled heads bowed in utter abandon over the page, and small bare toes twisting in appreciation."

Another odd custom of the mountains is that, while the woman very often aids the man in the work in the fields, the man, as a rule, does none of the housework. The writer only found one man who did.

"Aunt Sabina Strout is not a feminist, nor is her big gentle husband, effeminate, but he is the only mountain man I have ever seen who helped his wife with the housework. A niece once found him bowed over the washtub and expostulated:

"Why do you do it, Uncle Gene?" "He straightened with a conjugal pride. I reckon because your Aunt Sabina has red hair."

The little anecdote above also gives an idea of the mountaineer's ever-present sense of humor.

Of the mountaineer's idea of God, the author has to say:

"To mountain people, God is no far-off unreality.

"He is instant, immediate.

"His will is the explanation of every great event or smallest daily concern. They talk of him with no more self-consciousness than if they were speaking of the president of the United States.

"They may by no means always obey God, but they never doubt Him."

In the summing up the writer says: "These are among the reasons why I wish that many other Americans could know in her own high home place the American woman of the mountains. The mountain mother's life is harsh and hard."

"There is no thought here of any rights for women, except the right to bear and rear children.

"The mountain world is a man's world, where a woman's life is subject to her husband's needs and then to her son's. The mountain man expects everything of a woman and he receives it.

"The mountain woman never asks for happiness and yet, as I look into her eyes, deep and quiet, with a gaze that has dwelt all her life on beauty, and as I meet her keen wisdom and shy, bubbling humor, I wonder if she has not found happiness without any seeking."

"Here in the highlands the God of the mountains has given the mountain woman dignity.

"Endless patience with many children has given her repose, a code of finest hospitality has given her beautiful courtesy. Mountain men are hard in their exacting on women, but perhaps it is because their women never fail these demands, so that the men no more than the children realize how much a mountain mother gives.

"And perhaps there is nowhere in the world a spot where women are respected as 'hey are in the Southern highlands. A woman might tramp alone from end to end of all this region and never anywhere be in danger of the faintest insult from any white man."

"The mountain mother lives untouched by all modern life. In two centuries mountain people have changed so little that they are in many ways the typical Americans.

"And that is why it is worth while for other Americans to become acquainted with them. The past had its virtues, and the mountain mother today is not so much a woman belonging to a different geographical region as she is a woman belonging to a forgotten past."—Martin County Advertiser.

## MORGAN CREEK

There will be church at this place Saturday night and Sunday by Bro. Harvey.

Mrs. Johnie Workman, who has been sick for some time is improving.

John Hughes and wife and daughter spent Christmas with Jim Hughes and wife.

Several young folks were calling on Eva Carter Christmas day.

The wedding bells will ring on our creek soon.

Earl Diamond spent Christmas with friends on Raven Rock.

Lillian Short will visit friends in Ashland soon.

Everybody come to church Saturday night.

SMILING GIRL

Get a package of Black-Draught to-day. Insist on the genuine, Thedford's.

At your druggist's.

## Undoubtedly a True Citizen of Orr, Ky.

Why Orr, Ky., is considered in lead of her adjoining neighborhoods. Because she has turned out 6 late school teachers, 3 traveling salesmen, 2 competent physicians, 4 splendid merchants, 2 carpenters of high standing, 10 of the best sorghum stirrers and yet has a full supply of good material which, we older ones are training by their experience in hopes of reaching a higher and yet higher stage of development.

How we do it. Why yes; we hold Friday evenings in school days a lecture from different traits selected from the experienced ones, and our efficient teacher, J. W. Boggs, notes what ones to give said lectures that the most can be achieved by the least efforts. In other words, "vocational training" is particularly the watchword. We have no scarcity of Biblical followers, no rarity of farmers, no shortage of supplies of any material, no insufficient endeavor on the craftsmanship of one's task; no scanty or superficial meditation upon the different way to lead one to success after they have grown with enough experience to enter the field of varieties for our successive friends, who have succeeded past the "stumbling blocks" in nature's true pathway—and this recalls to me the poet's mind when he said: "For every sweet there's a bitter and every rose a thorn" I find but one fault to his maxim; he might have said 10 bitters and 10 thorns.

Now the fact that Time owns your victory or failure over life's phenomena, your success owes its thanks to some one for kneeling on their knees in the mud and picking you out of the ditch (and I'm glad that most of us mountaineers are of that composition); when one of our fellow creatures is down we pick him up, if he'll let us. You do this same favor to your passing friends. We, Big Sandy inhabitants, owe all the respect, courtesies, our morsels of mind, and offer thanks to the Big Sandy News and we should show our appreciation by simply getting new subscribers for once a reader of the Big Sandy News always a reader.

You do stop to think of the natural supply of resources the Big Sandians have within our bounds. Now, let's everybody get down to where thinking is entertaining to our minds as did the poet when he said: "I stood by and watched within myself the continual genesis of a finer life, wherein all appearances were transfigured as in a magic mirror." He, undoubtedly, made a self-personal survey, which is always beneficial. Time has upon its wheels the buried yesterdays we can not recall.

Let us all join and stamp out our enemies to consistent progress and make Big Sandy the stamping ground for business. We have the start and are pacing along at a good headway and a clear, level road ahead. Join in and leave politics behind as it always interrupts good progress, especially amongst neighbors.

Some of the Daily Happenings.

There were 23 oil men enroute to the oil fields (according to J. W. Boggs and Jack Johnson's count) passed up our creek Saturday morning.

Wade Thompson is still traveling for Union Grocery Co. and Greenup Milling Co., and his success is stimulating to Orr's records, as he gets the business

J. W. Boggs, merchant, has the ability for any ordinary business within the bounds of reason and Orr's progress realm anticipates a super business record for him.

L. B. Blevins, one of Orr's business men, was united in marriage Christmas night to Miss Effie Kitchen of Webbville, who is a very pretty young woman, neat in appearance, clever in speech, and Orr joins in with their sincere wishes to hope for a happy life. Mr. Blevins is a shrewd business man, humiliating to the right always and his career has been an interesting experience. He was a former soldier.

Wade Thompson is a stock holder in Keaton Oil & Gas Co. and will soon be living at ease when his check comes in and a dividend is declared. He has three shares.

Calvin Blevins still makes regular trips to Dry Fork and J. W. Boggs also. We expect to hear wedding bells sooner or later at or near this place.

We stand as an emblem in our wishing realm, ready at any time to help the cause of good roads.

A TRUE CITIZEN OF ORR.

Reports from St. Louis, Mo., show that arrests for drunkenness at that city have dropped from 2,605 from Jan. 1, 1919, to Nov. 30, 1919, to 691 for the same period of 1920.

## STOMACH TROUBLES

Indiana Lady Had Something Like Indigestion Until She Took Black-Draught, Then Got All Right.

Seymour, Ind.—"Some time ago I had a sick spell, something like indigestion," writes Mrs. Clara Peacock, of Route 6, this place. "I would get very sick at the stomach, and spit or vomit, especially in the mornings.

"Then I began the use of Thedford's Black-Draught, after I had tried other medicines. The Black-Draught relieved me more than anything that I took, and I got all right.

"I haven't found anything better than Black-Draught when suffering from trouble caused by constipation. It is easy and sure. Can be taken in small doses or large as the case calls for."

When you have sick stomach, indigestion, headache, constipation, or other disagreeable symptoms, take Black-Draught to help keep your system free from poison.

Thedford's Black-Draught is made from purely vegetable ingredients, acts in a gentle, natural way, and has no bad after-effects. It may be safely taken by young or old.

Get a package of Black-Draught to-day. Insist on the genuine, Thedford's.

At your druggist's.

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## DEEP HOLE

Clarence Carter and Bill McGuire were visiting school at this place Monday.

Everett Artrip was the Sunday guest of Karen Diamond.

Miss Maggie Carter was calling on Miss Virginia Diamond Friday.

Fredette Artrip and Misses Karen and Virginia Diamond were calling on the Misses Carter Sunday.

Miss Bertha Carter was calling on her brother, Henry Carter of Mt. Pleasant Thursday.

J. Gould Muncey and sisters were calling on Miss Virginia Diamond Saturday.

Misses Maxie and Elizabeth Taylor were calling on the Misses Hayton Sunday.

Misses Maxie and Elizabeth Taylor were business visitors in Louisa Saturday.

Miss Joe Muncey was calling on Mrs. Gladys Rice Sunday.

Clarence Carter was visiting Bill McGuire Sunday.

Oliver Delong has returned home from Guyan where he has been employed.

Dewitt Diamond was calling on Kenneth Sparks Sunday.

Rumer says the wedding bells will ring at this place soon.

TWO LOVERS.

## VAN LEAR

The entertainment was largely attended and much enjoyed at this place.

Mrs. Harsco Reed and Mrs. Lillie were shopping in Paintsville Monday.

Mrs. John Clay and Mrs. Ed Semor called on Mrs. John Austin Sunday.

Miss Zella Fairchild and Mabel Colvin spent Sunday with Miss Thelma Austin.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Carts of Weeksburg spent Christmas with home folks.

Miss Burthie Burkley and Thelma Austin were calling on Miss Jane McCloud last week.

Mrs. Wheeler Clark spent Christmas with her sister.

Miss Ruth O'Brien was calling on Miss Ida Messer Sunday afternoon.

Miss Gertrude Stanley visited Besse Hughes Sunday.

Mrs. Charley Bell was visiting Mrs. Lon Farmer last week.

## BLUE EYES.

It is just wonderful how quickly Tanlac works in building up one all run down and suffering as I was," said Miss Anna Stegworth, R. F. D. No. 32, Barberston, Ohio.

"Nervous indigestion had almost made a wreck of me before I really knew it, and I was in a bad condition when I began taking Tanlac. Most of the troubles that go with a bad stomach attacked me and made me miserable. I had but little desire for food, and frequently would turn sick at the table. I'd have to leave it.

"What little I ate caused trouble in my stomach and hurt me all over. Sometimes I felt like I was loaded down with lead, and had such bad smothering spells I'd have to gasp for breath. I tried lots of medicines and just kept on going from bad to worse.

"Finally mother prevailed on me to take Tanlac, and then very soon all my troubles were over. It proved to be the very medicine I needed, and helped me right from the start. I've finished my fifth bottle now, have gained back eleven pounds of my lost weight, and feel even better than when I was sixteen.

# Mingo County Famous As Fighting Ground

Williamson, W. Va., Jan. 2.—Since the early days when the first settlers from Virginia fought their way to the Western country against bands of hostile Indians, Mingo county, W. Va., and Pike county, Ky., just across its border, have been almost continuous battle grounds.

Mingo county's latest struggle is between the coal operators and the miners, but after a series of outbreaks which attracted country-wide attention, Federal troops are maintaining order.

After the early settlers had disposed of the Indians, the moonshiners took the field and for years fought and sometimes vanquished the hated revenue agents, protected as they often were against attack in the high hills and deep valleys that cover this section. Then came the famous Hatfield-McCoy feud of the '80s and '90s, which resulted in the practical wiping out of the McCoy family, and which caused two state Governors to take a hand in its suppression.

For some years after the feud the moonshiners again took the field and, although prohibition is now a law of the land, the "making" of liquor has never been given up in these hills entirely.

Still another chapter of blood was written in Mingo when efforts were made this year to organize the coal miners. An unhappy climax came about in Matewan, W. Va., on May 19, 1920, when in a fight in the streets 10 men were killed, 7 of whom were guards of a private detective agency sent into the district to eject union miners from company homes.

Since the Matewan fight Mingo has been the scene of other disorders and railroad mining properties have been destroyed by explosives. Intermittent warfare between operators' guards and miners and their sympathizers followed in such proportions that recently Governor Cornwell, of West Virginia, called on the Federal Government for troops. When a provisional battalion was sent to Mingo martial law was declared here and several other towns and villages.

In the clashes in Mingo the names Hatfield and McCoy have figured prominently. In the Matewan fight Chief of Police Hatfield took part and later was indicted for murder. His trial is pending. In the week following a McCoy on a lonely mountain road was wounded by an unidentified assailant.

These fights have caused old settlers to hark back to the day when the Hatfield clan, following the killing of one of their brethren, under the leadership of "Devil Anse" Hatfield, swore what was known as the "Black Oath." The story is told that 20 members of the clan, knelling around a camp fire in the hills of Mingo county, pledged themselves to the absolute destruction of the McCoy family.

As a result men, women and children of the enemy clan found no mercy, and the feud became known far and wide as one of the bloodiest in the history of the mountains.

Strange to say, three of the detective guards who were killed in the Matewan fight this year were descendants of state guards and officers who were sent into Mingo in the early nineties to put down the feud.

With the Federal troops in the section, the county, for the first time in many years apparently is in a fair way to obtain peace and calm.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

## YATESVILLE

Greetings to the good old NEWS and sincerest wishes for its continued success throughout 1921 and all successive years.

School at this place closes on the 7th. We are expecting a winter school to be taught here by Edgar Riffe and are anticipating a successful term, as Mr. Riffe has a fine reputation as a teacher.

Mrs. Cora Kirk of Ashland, and her daughter, Miss Lucille, are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Atkins.

Miss Gipsy Blankenship accompanied by her sister, Miss Grace and Miss Jessie Ramey went to Louisa Sunday, preparatory to attending the K. N. C.

Miss Mary Prichard, of Dennis, was at R. Blankenship's last week to see her sister, Mrs. Worth Blankenship, who was visiting there.

The Christmas tree was a great success under the very able directions of Edgar Riffe, who has the appreciation of the community, especially the children for the enjoyable affair.

BECKY.

"I WILL" FOR 1921.  
I will start anew this morning with a higher, fairer creed;  
I will cease to sit repining o'er my ruthless neighbor's greed;  
I will cease to sit repining while my duty's call is clear;  
I will waste no moment whining, and my heart shall know no fear.

I will look sometimes about me for the things that merit praise;  
I will search for hidden beauties that elude the grumbler's gaze;  
I will try to find contentment in the paths that I must tread;  
I will cease to have resentment when another moves ahead.

I will not be swayed by envy when my rival's strength is shown;  
I will not deny his merit, but I'll strive to prove my own;  
I will try to see the beauty spread before me, rain or shine;  
I will cease to preach your duty, and be more concerned with mine.

—British Weekly.

CEDAR.

## YES IT CAN BE DYED OR CLEANED

That last year's suit or dress can be made to appear like a New One.

Send via Parcel Post.

SWISS CLEANERS & DYERS  
909 6th Street (Incorporated)

Louisville, Ky.

## Exports Via New York Decrease; Imports Increase

New York.—Domestic exports valued at \$3,119,580,884 flowed through the port of New York during last year. During the same period imports valued at \$2,933,334,471 arrived in this port for distribution over the United States.

A comparison of the figures of 1919 shows that the export trade decreased approximately \$231,000,000 while the import trade increased about \$368,000,000.

Foreign exports, which reached the total of \$117,975,916 in 1919, were shaded down to \$81,965,715 during last year.

## Price of Standard Pipe Cut \$7.00 Per Ton

Youngstown, Ohio.—Republic Iron & Steel Company announces a reduction in price of standard pipe of \$7 a ton, to the Steel Corporation level. Aside from pipe business, few new steel orders are coming into the valley, and prospects of additional suspensions and cutbacks are likely.

Trumbull Steel Company has laid off hundreds of workers during the last week and has abolished many salaried positions. Sheet mills in the Mahoning Valley are operating at the rate of 20 per cent, while ingot production is around 40 per cent for the independent.

## Decrease in Oil Runs Reported

Frankfort, December 31.—Unless there is a speedy increase in the production of oil in Kentucky during the first six months of the year of 1921 the indications are that there will be a decline in the production of oil in this state for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1921, as compared to the oil production for the year ending June 30, 1920. There are 250,000 barrels of oil fewer produced from July 1, this year, to January 1, 1921, than there were during the corresponding time last year.

This falling off, however, is in measure offset by the increase in production of 164,000 barrels of oil for the first six months of the year, compared with the same period last year.

Lima, Ohio, December 31.—A decline in runs is already noted from the decree of purchasing companies to take only 50 and 70 per cent of the oil, and production of the midcontinent.

## THE FINANCIAL RECORD OF 1920

New York, Jan. 2.—If the financial markets ever witnessed a more interesting state of affairs at the close of a trying year the oldest Wall street habitude cannot recall it. The year just closed will be remembered chiefly for its constant credit strain, which at times became so serious as to threaten a money market disturbance of first magnitude, and which unquestionably would have developed but for the prudent safeguards of the Federal reserve system.

The 1920 money market, taking all classes of loans, probably averaged higher rates than any other 12 months in peace times. In the United States as in Europe, this was the overshadowing factor, for the credit strain was such as to force the Federal Reserve Board to put the country under a system of rationed credit during the greater part of the year. This caused irritation in some quarters, but those in touch with the facts of that extraordinary year know now that these measures were necessary, and that the supervision for the most part was highly intelligent, constructive and saved the December markets from a terrible smash.

A restricted credit policy for the United States of 1920 was just as necessary as was the effort to curtail food consumption during the war period. If limited food consumption was necessary to help the nation win the war in 1917, properly regulated credit service which financed productive industry ahead of everything else was necessary in order to save this nation from a succession of Black Fridays in 1920. This is literally true, for the world-wide strain upon credits was greater than the banks of this country, or any other country ever experienced before over so great an area and for such a length of time.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

## DEEP HOLE

Miss Ethel Blankenship was calling on Misses Karen and Virginia Diamond Sunday night and Monday.

Wayne McGuire was calling on Mrs. Bertha Carter and Elmer Carter Sunday night.

Misses Laura and Elmer Carter were visiting their brother at Mt. Pleasant Saturday and Sunday.

Misses Maxie Taylor and Madge and Bertha Carter and Clarence Carter were calling on Misses Karen and Virginia Diamond Sunday.

Misses Karen and Virginia Diamond and Everett Artrip were calling on friends at Mt. Pleasant Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewitt Diamond and children were calling on Mr. and Mrs. Joe Carter Sunday.

Allen O. Carter was calling on his uncle, Joe Carter of this place Sunday.

Misses Cora Carter and Louise Taylor were guests of Matie and Roselee Diamond Sunday.

Bascom Carter was calling on Will Carter Sunday.

W. B. Taylor and daughter were guests of W. M. Taylor in Louisa Sunday.

## LONESTONE GIRLS

The Oliphant school closed Friday and was largely attended.

The whooping cough is raging in our community now.

John Thompson was on our creek Friday.

Naaman Brainard passed up our creek Saturday with a fine span of mules.

Misses Cassie and Gracie Thompson attended church at Polley's Chapel Sunday.

Wm. Dixon and family took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Estep Sunday.

Mrs. Manda Watson was on our creek Monday.

Miss Minnie Webb, our school teacher, has returned to her home at Glenwood.

A. Cooksey was at Webbville Monday.

Hillard Webb was on our creek Sunday.

CEDAR.

## NORIS

Since the last issue of the paper there has been some very good meetings here.

It seems as the Satan has been cut loose from Blaine. There have been several conversions and church is yet going on. We hope that the rest of the people who are out of Christ will come to Him before the meetings close.

The baptizing at this place was largely attended Saturday and Sunday.

Bros. Murphy and Rice were here Saturday and Sunday.

Hubert Moore and Graydon Thompson were calling on their best girls at Albert McKinster's Sunday evening.

Dewey Estep was calling on Stella Thompson Sunday.

Wm. Dixon and family took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Estep Sunday.

Mrs. Martha Back of Griffith creek, who has been visiting here for some time has returned home.

Everette Ball paid home folks a visit Saturday and Sunday.

Graydon and George McGranahan of Louisa were on our creek Saturday.

H. B. Thompson is seriously ill at this writing.

Estha Mayo was calling on Roxie Estep Sunday afternoon.

Byrd Thompson was calling on Opal Miller Sunday night.

L. B. Hayes of Leducia was here Sunday.

John Ball and family spent Sunday with Mont Thompson and family.

Ogal Childs spent Thursday night with his uncle, Lewis Thompson.

Mabel Murphy of Theakla will visit friends here soon.

Remember the prayer meeting at this place.

AUNT PEGGY.

## A Republican Tribute to Woodrow Wilson

William Allen White, noted Republican editor of the Emporia (Kan.) Gazette pays the following tribute to Woodrow Wilson:

"There can be no doubt that the verdict of history on President Wilson will affirm his greatness. In great moments of crisis during the last eight years President Wilson has risen to great heights and has done worthy and memorable things. His name will stand in history either as the sponsor of a great hope or the recorder of a high tide in human affairs from which impotent humanity has receded.

"He, first of all world statesmen at the end of a ghastly world catastrophe, tried to make a settlement based upon justice, not on force, upon what should be rather than what could be. Either the League of Nations will rise during this century and work for peace on earth and good will among men, or it will fall, and in its fall will herald in such an epoch of horror that humanity in its decay will look back to the glorious dream which this man dreamed as the beginning of the wreck of nations and crash of civilization."

"In either event Wilson's name is safe. He aspired greatly; he strove with what strength he had, and with what weapons God gave him. He lost his powers not sufficient for his task. His hand was not as strong as his heart. He called the spirits from the vasty deep; but, alas, they did not come. His loss is mankind's loss. But even if he lost, he lost, but losing, won."

"He is not the first Moses left in the wilderness, even though he stood by the burning bush; nor the first Isaiah to a wicked and perverse generation."

"A man of the President's own party, an idolatrous follower, could have been no more magnanimous than this author and journalist who writes with an intimate knowledge of his subject.

## Burley Tobacco Growers on Watch of Market

Lexington, Ky.—Burley tobacco grower officials of the association will watch the market which opened Monday, and it was announced if prices do not average up to the estimated cost of production, 35 cents a pound, the cooperative company recently authorized will be incorporated and take charge.

A meeting of national and county officials will be held here finally to decide what action will be taken.

The market this year opens one month later than usual, due to the fact that the United States Department of Agriculture and state officials were asked to make a separate estimate of the burley crop.

## Soldier is Fired on in Mingo Strike Area

Williamson, W. Va., Dec. 31.—A corporal of the United States army, carrying mail from Thacker station, Thacker, W. Va., late today was fired by unidentified persons, according to reports received at military headquarters tonight. As soon as the report of the shooting was received, Col. Herman Hall, in command of the provisional battalion in the Mingo coal strike district, rushed an additional patrol to Thacker.

## 100 PASTORS PRODUCED BY LITTLE KENTUCKY CHURCH

Bethel Ridge, Ky.—The little Methodist church here, its chapel seating a scant 350 persons, bears the unique distinction of having produced more than 100 Methodist ministers according to the Rev. Ollie G. Ragan, superintendent of the Southeastern District of the Kentucky Methodist conference.

Most of the ministers were members of two families, the Ragans and Godbeys.

The story of the little Casey county church and the family of ministers, for the Ragans and Godbeys are closely related, goes back 150 years, according to the superintendent. At that time John Han was the Methodist circuit rider of the mountains.

An Irish family named Ragan lived in the Kentucky hills far from any church. The Rev. Han was called when the only child of the family died. The parents became such friends of the itinerant minister that they joined the nearest church and later children were educated in it and became ministers. From that time until the present their descendants have devoted their lives to the ministry, according to Mr. Ragan.

Among the notable ministers of the two families virtually all of whom first attended church at Bethel Ridge, were the Rev. W. B. Godbey, noted in the mountains as a holiness leader; the Rev. W. H. Ragan, the Rev. G. G. Ragan, his son, J. G. Ragan, for forty years a mountain preacher, and the Rev. L. R. Godbey. The Rev. J. G. Ragan had four sons, all of whom became ministers, and one daughter, who married a minister, the Rev. William Oakley. The sons of J. G. Ragan, all of whom are living, are: the Rev. W. B. Ragan, the Rev. J. S. Ragan, Ollie G. Ragan, and the Rev. W. H. Ragan. Other members of the family in the ministry include the late Rev. W. B. Godbey and the Rev. Logan Godbey—Courier-Journal.

## USE OF NARCOTICS REDUCED.

Lexington, Ky.—The number of narcotic addicts in Kentucky has been reduced nearly 75 per cent in the past five years, according to Dr. W. S. Fish, Narcotic Inspector for the Eastern section of the state, who declared today that the State Board of Health had failed to co-operate to the fullest extent with the Government's efforts.

Dr. Fish cited the case of two physicians who specialize in treatment of addicts, who, according to Government records, five years ago had 111 drug patients under their care and this year have only four such patients. Dr. Fish said that five practicing physicians in the state had been cured of the drug habit within the past four months.

After January 1, 1921, all persons to whom drugs are necessary must be registered with the Government, Dr. Fish said. Approximately 200 violations of the narcotics act have been reported in this territory.

## Crude Oil and Its Outlook Now the Problem

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## PRESTONSBURG

## CATLETTSBURG

## Johnson-Pruitt

Christmas day Miss Virgie Johnson of CHF, was united in marriage to Mr. William Pruitt of the same place. Miss Johnson is a granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Elliott one of the old and prominent families of Floyd and Mr. Pruitt holds a responsible position with the Purity Cannel Railway Co. Mr. and Mrs. Pruitt are setting up housekeeping on Abbott, and, if rumor has it right, Mrs. Pruitt is an unusually fine housekeeper.

## Roberts-Martin.

Miss Laura Roberts, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Roberts of Craynor, was united in marriage to Mr. John Martin of Amba. The young couple accompanied by several friends came down on the morning train, were married and returned.

## Wins Prize.

Miss Sallie Sizemore won the prize at the Town Branch Sunday School for memorizing the most scripture, more than 400 verses. The entertainment was held Christmas night and the treat given Jan. 2—Post.

## Patrick-Milby.

Early Sunday morning before many of the people of Prestonsburg were up and around, Miss Effie Elizabeth Patrick, daughter of Judge and Mrs. A. T. Patrick of "The Pines," this city, and Charles D. Milby, son of Mrs. Sarah Milby, of Louisville, stole a march on their friends and were quietly married at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George P. Archer, in the presence of a small party of relatives and friends, Rev. E. M. Hart officiating.

Miss Effie is a member of Prestonsburg's younger social set, and has grown to young womanhood in this community where she is universally admired and loved for her many meritorious qualities.

The groom is well known here and is held in high esteem by all who have the pleasure of his acquaintance. He has been connected with the Abney-Barnes Company, of Charleston, W. Va., for the past three years as traveling representative.

Mr. and Mrs. Milby took the train for Charleston where they expect to remain about a week before going to Louisville to visit the groom's mother, after which they will take an extended trip south, visiting among other places, Atlanta, Ga., where Mr. Milby has a brother.

## Roberts-King.

Word was received here this week of the marriage in Louisville Monday of Mrs. Nell Roberts and Mr. Thomas M. King. Mrs. Roberts is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joel C. Martin of this city and is well known and greatly admired by a host of Prestonsburg people. Mr. King was formerly connected in an official capacity with the gas company at this place.

## Personal.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Dingus and son William Thomas, of Evansville, Ind., have been visiting at the home of Mr. Dingus' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Dingus.

Mr. and Mrs. Jos. D. Harkins and little sons, Jos. D., Jr., and Walter Scott, Mrs. Josie Harkins and Miss Josephine Harkins went to Danville to attend the Fox-Harkins nuptials.

J. A. Vinson and daughter, Miss Georgia, of Garrett, were in Prestonsburg visiting friends on Tuesday. Miss Georgia has been attending the Mt. St. Joseph Academy in Cincinnati and is spending the mid-winter vacation with her parents.

John Earl Burchett, of Catlettsburg, was visiting his many friends in the city during the holidays.

Sherman Nunnery this week purchased of Mrs. Josie Harkins all of the property she owned on Cross street and also on Third street for a consideration of \$16,000. This is one of the largest real estate deals ever consummated in Prestonsburg.

Mr. and Mrs. James Nunnery are the proud parents of a new baby girl.

Will May of the Bank Josephine was reported as seriously ill the first of the week.

Miss Tot Allen accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hauger up to Wheelwright Monday morning where she will visit for several days.

J. C. Hopkins went to Winchester to spend Christmas with his wife and little son, John Calvin, both of whom had been visiting at the home of Mrs. Hopkins mother.—Citizen.

## PAINTSVILLE

## Seminole Starts No. 2 Well.

The Seminole Oil & Gas Corporation who recently bought a good lease near Wheelersburg in the oil field, has moved its rig on same and started work. This lease is surrounded by good producing wells and this company is looking forward to a good producing well within a few weeks. Other wells will be drilled on this lease. The lease has both natural gas and water for drilling purposes.

## Kirk Oil &amp; Gas Company.

The Kirk Oil & Gas Company will soon complete their first well in the Wheelersburg field. Material for a number of wells has been delivered on the grounds. Six wells will be drilled on the Adams lease they are now operating and other rigs will soon be in the field to develop other territory. This company owns about 2,500 acres of good oil territory.

## New Operator Locates Here.

S. F. Williams, of Bowling Green has located in Paintsville and will drill oil wells in the new oil field in this section. He has had considerable experience in drilling wells in the Bowling Green and other fields.

Ed Vanhoose, owner and proprietor of the Van-Will Oil Company of Paintsville, will soon have material on the ground and work started on an addition to the hotel. The old frame residence in the rear of the hotel has been sold and will be moved away at once.

This new addition will consist of forty additional rooms. A new water system will be installed.—Herald.

## CATLETTSBURG

## GLADYS

The entertainment at Compton was quite a success.

Beulah Collsworth who has been visiting her uncle at Pikeville, is at home and will finish her school at this place. Our school will be out Jan. 12. We are sorry to see our school close.

Liza Kitchen was the pleasant guest of Luckey Wright Saturday.

Watt Pennington who has been visiting his father at this place left Monday for Madison, W. Va.

Virginia Jobe, who has been visiting Grandma Chaffin, has returned home.

Aunt Julia was calling on Chloe Kitchen Wednesday.

Luther M. Ward and Joe May of Chocoe were the pleasant guests of Mecca and Minnie B. Pennington Sunday.

Milt Chaffin was calling on his best girl at this place Sunday as usual.

George and Billy Savage were at W. S. Pennington's Friday.

Alma Kitchen is expected home from Midland, Pa., soon.

George Rice was a caller at our school Monday.

Merilla Kitchen is visiting her uncle at Catlettsburg.

Ella Olivia Chaffin attended the entertainment at Compton.

Mrs. Alice Browning was calling on Mrs. W. S. Pennington Saturday.

Virginia Jobe will visit friends at Cadmus Saturday and Sunday.

Birdie Carter was visiting at her uncle John Kitchen's Sunday.

Luther Jobe was calling on his best girl at this place recently.

Goldia Webb was at Wm. Wright's one day last week.

M. B. Pennington was shopping at Cadmus Saturday.

Leo Clevenger left for Louisia this week to attend school.

Minnie B. Pennington will leave soon for Louisville to attend school.

Lizzie Kitchen is staying with Mrs. Andrew Ball.

E. J. Wright and son Milroy were calling on his sister at this place.

Mertie Carter and Virginia Jobe were calling on Aunt Lizzie Jobe Sunday.

M. B. Pennington and Eliza Jobe were calling on Mrs. Nora Wright last week.

Success to the NEWS is the wish of TAGALONG.

## MEADS BRANCH

The sick of our community are improving. Bill Hinkle is about well.

There was several from our place attending the revival meeting at the Pack church last Sunday. They report eight conversions.

Sam Castle has bought a farm of Lewis Spencer, known as the John Judd place. He paid \$1200 for it. He will move to it in the spring.

Douglas Johnson and Oscar Goss have moved to Beaver Creek, Estill, Ky., to work in the coal mine.

J. T. Lambert and Fisher Scaggs were in Huntington on business Saturday.

Miss Tokie Sansom returned Tuesday from a visit in Huntington.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Plymale and children of Ceredo spent Saturday and Sunday with Wayne relatives.

Curtis Plymale of Buffalo Creek was on merchants here the first of the week.

Misses Lillian and Lulile Ferguson spent Sunday with Kenova relatives.

Mrs. R. C. Taylor has returned from a visit with relatives at Fort Gay.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Damron of Ceredo spent Saturday with Rev. and Mrs. A. W. Damron.

Ira Queen of Queens Ridge was here on business Tuesday.

The deputies for the several county offices gave bond before the County Court which convened Monday. They are as follows:

Deputy Assessor—C. W. Frazier.

Office Deputy Sheriff—Fred Perry.

Deputy Circuit Clerk—Everet Walker.

Deputy County Clerk—Jesse Adkins.

Miss Willie Smith—Stenographer.

Lafe and Steve Perry of Genoa have purchased the Osborn hotel building, formerly owned and occupied by E. O. Curnutt.

Mrs. D. B. Hardwick and children spent last week with relatives at West Moreland.

Miss Perdue and Walter Reece of Ceredo and Pearl Lester of Kenova had business before the county court Monday.

Mrs. Fisher Scaggs and son, James Franklin, returned Tuesday from a two weeks' visit with Ceredo relatives.

H. H. Cyrus of Kenova was here on the first of the week.

Dr. and Mrs. G. R. Burgess visited relatives in Huntington last week.

Frank Harrison was a Kenova visitor Monday.

Mrs. I. C. Trout and daughter Louise returned Monday to Charleton after a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Newlin.

GRAGSTON, W. VA.

Mrs. Lula Jordan and children of Akron, Ohio, are visiting her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Beckley.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Murry spent Sunday with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Havens.

Hazel, the little daughter of Mrs. Mary Spence, who has been very ill is recovering.

Miss Ruby Akers of South Webster, Ohio, spent Friday night with Misses Jovetta and Mildred Howard.

Mrs. Martha Beckley of Kenova is visiting home folks.

The revival meeting here has just closed. There were several conversions.

Mr. and Mrs. Stant Dorsey and Mr. and Mrs. Lee Dorsey of Portsmouth, Ohio, spent Christmas with home folks.

Mrs. Mary Adkins was called to the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. H. Akers of South Webster, Ohio, last week. Mr. Akers was operated on at Ironton, Ohio, for mastoid abscess. He is getting along nicely at present.

Mrs. Wayman Hatten of Kenova is visiting her parents Albert Staley, of this place.

Uncle Samuel Murry is building a nice big barn.

Tommy Elliott is kept busy tending his sheep. He says they are a whole lot of trouble but they are mighty nice to have.

MIKE AND IKE.

## GRIFFITH CREEK

The Summit oil well was shot Saturday with good results we understand, giving forth both oil and gas. More oil wells are to be put down immediately near the producer. Also, one is soon to be put down on the McClure tract near the head of Griffith Creek.

Philip Preece has bought the McClure timber from the Hollandsorth Lumber Co.

John H. Preece has taken the skidding contract from Phil Preece on the Contrary side of the McClure tract.

Mrs. Will Carter of Yacesville and daughter, Mrs. James Cartmel, of Rocky Valley, are the guests of Mrs. R. L. Bailey.

Mrs. Martha Back returned Monday to Blaine where she spent the holidays.

R. L. Bailey left Sunday for Williamson to work.

C. Victor Back spent Sunday at Glenhayes.

Uncle Dick Belcher who has been sick for several days, is getting better. D. Harold Vaughan is home from Catlettsburg for a few days.

James Johnson has sold his farm to Mr. Jordan of Louisa.

Mrs. Blanche Preece and children spent the new year holiday with Mrs. A. H. Perry.

Rev. and Mrs. Daniel Fox have returned home after spending the holidays with a son in Central Pennsylvania.

Roy P. Bartlett and family of Ashland visited Rex Vaughan and wife during the holidays.

Miss Jettie Moore spent Christmas with the family of her uncle, Giles Simpson of Louisa.

Was proud to know that the road question is settled and we are soon to get started surveying, etc. Labor will soon be on normal level.

Mr. Editor, you would not guess in a life time ye scribe was once assistant (?) of a big city daily, but not assistant editor. I was managing the whole staff from the managing editor to the end of the list, yea, even attending the type melting pot in the basement, have watched the big Hoe press (when the boss wasn't looking) roll out thousands of copies per hour and dreamed of Ben Franklin and Horace Greeley, but before I got a chance to "pl" the type the railroad we bid farewell to the tobacco smoke-laden office and hied me away out into God's country and fresh air. I have fraternized with the good people of the Old Dominion. I have seen gang plows drawn by gigantic tractors for the good of mankind. Dixie's Sun has tanned and the biting gales of northward have furrowed my brow and today finds me after a decade or two a "Jack of all trades" (and good at none?) We often reflect over the past and sometimes wish we had not "given up the ship." Great fortunes are always left by editors you know. We recently read of an editor who died leaving a fortune of \$50,000, the fruits of thirty years of diligent toil and the death of an uncle who died leaving him \$49,999.50.

Now, Mr. Editor, we wish you not only a happy and prosperous New Year, but many more happy and prosperous ones as well and when the last act scene of all comes and the Great Architect of the Universe calls you from labor to refreshments, may you leave to posterity a fortune, not only of this world's goods but the love and respect of your fellowman, in comparison with which a few measly fifty thousands sinks into deep insignificance.

MUTT.

Miss Hazel Ray was spending a few days last week with relatives here.

Mr. Frankie Price, Misses Hazel Ray, Gypsie Ward, Jessie Workman and Okie Ward took dinner with Misses Grace and Shirley Blevins Sunday.

Miss Ivory Ward and a number of other young folks were horseback riding Sunday.

Church at this place Sunday was largely attended.

Miss Grace Blevins was calling on Mrs. Sarah Swan Monday.

A number of men have been leaving here and Rockcastle for their work or to seek employment.

The stock was passing through this way a few days ago and left a baby boy at the home of John Dutton, and the death angel passed five hours later and took it.

Walter Osborn who has been living on Mr. Asberry Ward's farm, moved recently and now Mrs. Asberry Ward is enjoying her new home.

Jesse Boyd and Vernon Boyd were calling on Misses Grace and Shirley Blevins Sunday evening.

War spent Monday night with Miss Unie Williamson.

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